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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN PRESS TACKLES KISSINGER AFRICAN TOUR

- 1. GOA OFFICIAL DAILY APRIL 23 CARRIED GOVERNMENT PRESS SERVICE COMMENTARY PRESENTING SECRETARY'S APRIL/MAY AFRICAN TOUR AS CONSTITUTING SECOND STAGE OF ANGLO-AMERICAN OFFENSIVE TO "PRESERVE WESTERN INTERESTS IN ZIMBABWE", FIRST STAGE BEING CALLAGHAN MARCH 20 PROJECT.
- 2. COMMENTARY CONTENDS THAT AFTER ALLOWING SITUATION TO DEVELOP IN RHODESIA "BY THEIR PASSIVITY", BRITISH AND AMERICANS NOW SEEK SOLUTION TO PROBLEMN BUT THAT AFRICAN OBSERVERS ARE INCLINED TO VIEW SOLUTION AS WESTERN MANEUVER TO GAIN TIME IN ORDER PREVENT "MAJORITY GENUINELY REPRESENTATIVE OF ASPIRATIONS OF ZIMBABWE PEOPLE" FROM TAKING OVER GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, INSTALLATION OF PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT IN SALISBURY, RESEMBLING THAT IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, IS "FEARED" BY WESTERN CAPITALS IN VIEW OF THEIR IMPORTANT ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN ZIMBABWE AND IMPERIALIST STRATEGY IN AREA.
- 3. COMMENTARY NOTES THAT BECAUSE THIS WESTERN INITIATIVE COULD MEAN REPLACEMENT OF IAN SMITH BY MODERATE AFRICANS CHOSEN TO PRESERVE WESTERN UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERESTS, "AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVES OF

PEOPLE" (ANC) DO NOT PLAN TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY.

4. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT SECRETARY UNDERTAKING HIS TOUR IN FACE OF SKEPTICISM OF MAJORITY OF OBSERVERS WHO ALREADY CONSIDER IT NEW FAILURE OF WESTERN DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.PARKER

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